

# THE ALBUQUERQUE CITIZEN

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## NEW YORK UP IN ARMS

Not only are the railroads opposing the assumption by the government of the right to regulate freights, but New York City is opposing it from a business standpoint. A recent communication from that city says:

"New York business men are preparing to fight vigorously the attempt being made by Chicago, Cincinnati and St. Louis to wrest from this city, through the Interstate Commerce Commission, the pre-eminence which this city has enjoyed as the center of shipping to the south and southeast. The proposal that the Interstate Commerce Commission be empowered to fix rates and thus to so apportion the trade of the country as to nullify natural and acquired advantages in one locality and confer favors of trade and commerce upon other localities by their dictum is being generally commented upon in commercial circles. Representatives of prominent commercial bodies say that the matter will be called to the attention of these bodies as soon as the members can be got together, and an active campaign will be made in the fall to neutralize the effort which the west has made to become the shipping center to southern points."

Thus does the question of business profits seem to dethrone all sense of right and wrong.

The best summary concerning the Elephant Butte dam and reservoir, which the government proposes to construct near Engle, is the following, from the Las Cruces Republican: "The Elephant Butte reservoir dam, as proposed, will be 225 feet high above bed rock; 130 feet above river bed; 180 feet thick at bed rock; 130 feet thick at river bed; twenty feet at crest; 499 feet long at river bed; 1,150 feet at crest; will back water about forty miles, with an average width of one and one-half miles; will impound 2,000,000 acre-feet of water and furnish annually 600,000 acre-feet for irrigation or a sufficient amount of water to irrigate 10,000 acres of land in Las Palomas Valley in New Mexico, 20,000 acres in Rincon Valley, and 70,000 acres in Mesilla Valley, in New Mexico, and 70,000 acres in Texas and Mexico, a total of 180,000 acres.

The Raton Gazette grows pathetic over the fact that a boy, twenty years of age, whom it calls "a homeless and friendless wanderer," stealing a ride in a box car, was badly but not dangerously hurt by the steel rails with which the car was loaded. There is no reason in the world, other than his own worthlessness, why a lousy boy of twenty, in this land of unlimited demand for labor, should be homeless or friendless or a wanderer. There is not an agricultural community in the United States where such a boy could not get a good home and something besides, were it not that he is too lazy to work and prefers to be a hobo to being a laborer.

## IGNORANCE PERSONIFIED

Some fellow writing syndicate editorials, says: "The proposition that Arizona be admitted to statehood under the name of Jefferson, because it will be the last state to be cut out of the vast territory purchased under the Jefferson administration, seems peculiarly fitting, and will add great force of sentiment to Arizona's plea."

It is truly astonishing how many there are who try to teach though they have never learned. It is doubtful if there is an Albuquerque high school pupil, who would not be ashamed of the ignorance displayed by this writer of editorials at wholesale. It is true, according to the latest map furnished by the United States government, that the northeast corner of New Mexico as well as the Panhandle of Texas was claimed as a part of the Louisiana purchase; but this claim was subsequently abandoned, and the country claimed was afterwards obtained by the annexation of the Lone Star State. Of Arizona, however, not an inch of her soil was ever within hundreds of miles of that purchase line. Arizona was acquired only and exclusively in 1848, by cession from Mexico, together with the Gadsden purchase of 1853.

On yesterday, the Empire State Association of Deaf Mutes opened its 26th annual convention in the city hall at Elmira, N. Y. The morning meeting was merely an informal gathering to enable the delegates to become acquainted with each other. The first business session was held in the afternoon. The mayor of the city welcomed the delegates and his words were translated to them in the sign language by an expert. Then President Edwin Allan Hodgson delivered his annual address. Committees were appointed and the reports of the officers read, but not a sound disturbed the tomb like stillness of the council chamber, where the session was held. Several interesting papers were read in the same silent manner. The convention will close Saturday with a picnic and a visit to the Elmira Reformatory.

An Espanola Valley correspondent informs the New Mexican that the fruit crop in that valley and in the Santa Cruz and Pojoaque valleys in this county this year will be the best on record. He estimates the crop will foot up as follows: 12,000 boxes of apples or 500,000 pounds; 5,000 boxes of peaches or 250,000 pounds; 2,500 boxes of pears or 125,000 pounds. These estimates, this correspondent declares, may be considered low and when the crop is gathered it may prove to have been greater. This is gratifying news and shows that something is doing in the fruit growing line in northern Santa Fe and northeastern Rio Arriba counties.

## RECORD CORN CROP

The heaviest of this year's corn crop will be in the southwest, where it was a partial failure last year. The two states of Kansas and Missouri will this year produce 518,000,000 bushels of corn, or one-fifth of the entire corn crop. This is the greatest crop ever raised in the two states, and it will be finished in a few days. This year's crop compares with last year's as follows:

	1905.	Increase.
Bushels.	Bushels.	
Missouri .....	266,000,000	115,000,000
Kansas .....	252,000,000	118,000,000

Total .....

518,000,000	233,000,000
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The Missouri Pacific, Atchafalpa and Rock Island railroads will benefit principally from this great output of corn, as all three have large millage there. The Missouri Pacific will benefit most, as its millage is large in both states, while that of the Rock Island and Atchafalpa is principally in Kansas.—Daily Stockholder.

"There is a matter of a great deal more importance to us in Colfax county than new railroads, the opening of new mines, etc. It is the matter of more irrigation facilities and the reclamation of our land. We have as productive soil as they have anywhere, and with water for it we will induce industries to come in and new railroads to reach us. In the matter of production we are today the first in New Mexico, but there is no reason why we should not raise fifty times the amount of stuff we do. If some of the wealth being placed in other enterprises were put into irrigation systems, it would be ten times more benefit to us. Water is what we need, the rest we would get," says the Springer Stockman, and what this paper says of Colfax is true of every county in the territory.

There are 3,735 collection boxes in the service, located on approximately 6,000 rural postal routes.

## MY LADY OF DREAMS BESIDE MY STUDY FIRE

From Fall Mail Gazette

My ladye steals from out my dreams  
Beside my study fire;  
The spurring light now dials, now gleams  
Some drowsy sprite that wakes, it seems,  
To grant me my desire.  
The echoes die upon the street,  
The shadows climb the wall,  
My ladye steals into her seat,  
So high it is, her little feet  
Scarce reach the floor at all.  
My ladye in the firelight sits  
And gravely watches me;  
About her mouth in mischief flits  
A soft, sweet smile that much befits  
A ladye fair as she.  
A little curl on brow has strayed,  
Bright gold on driven snow,  
There never was so sweet a maid  
In figured dimity arrayed,  
A shimmer in the glow.  
My ladye sits my fire beside,  
And wondrous fair is she;  
Until its light has waned and died,  
And dawn has looked through window wide,  
She keeps a watch with me.  
My ladye of my life dreams,  
I watch the love that ever beams  
In her dear eyes content;  
My ladye born in musing brain,  
So radiantly fair,  
I loathe the morn that sees her wane;  
I count the hours till once again  
She choose my study chair.

## WHAT SAYS REPRESENTATIVE OF SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN

From New Mexican

Arthur F. Bresler of New York City, member of the compiling department of the Scientific American, who has been in the Capital City for several days, looking into the agricultural and mining conditions of this section of the territory, preparatory to writing an article for the scientific paper upon these conditions, said to a representative of the New Mexican that he was pleased with the result of his sojourn here. Many historical as well as industrial facts have been made known to him, which were not supposed to exist in New Mexico. When asked for a statement regarding his investigations while in New Mexico, Mr. Bresler gave the following:

"Although appreciative of the fact that one can gain no conception of the resources of New Mexico from a railway car, or even from a visit, such as mine has been to the Capital City, and the larger cities of the territory, yet, my impression, based upon the information I have gathered, is that there is a substantial foundation for the optimistic views I have heard expressed on the progress made in the development of the various resources of the territory.

"The last few years have seen great changes in New Mexico, and it is now a certainty that the next few years will bring forth marked results. Seldom has such activity, such rapid, yet substantial progress, been equaled in any section; especially, considering the obstacles that have been met with and overcome in a short space of time, in the agricultural, commercial and industrial development of the territory.

"Not only is the territory of New Mexico known to possess abundant mineral resources, but some of the most fertile valleys in the world are to be found within its borders. As in other sections of the southwest the completion of the government irrigation systems will throw under cultivation, hundreds and hundreds of thousands of acres of land, that, though barren now will, with the application of water, produce crops that will not be excelled anywhere. This has been demonstrated in other parts, where barren deserts have been made veritable gardens within a few years.

"Though much is to be expected of the mineral resources, which are now in a thriving condition, the greatest hope for the future prosperity lies in the tilling of the soil, and the government policy in taking a hand in the irrigation projects, cannot be too strongly recommended. The supply of water for irrigation appears to be abundant, and that the climate conditions are favorable there is no doubt. The additions to the forest reserves will protect the headwaters of the rivers, upon which so much depends, and will insure sufficient water for all purposes as well as being beneficial in many other ways.

"What New Mexico needs is a good, healthy immigration, and every encouragement should be offered farmers to take up the land. Vast tracts of government and are now open to entry, and though the influx of farmers has not been the most encouraging, the present indications are that as the advantages of the territory become better and more widely known, extensive immigration and reclamation will follow.

"The distribution of literature by the Bureau of Immigration, boards of trade and commercial clubs throughout the territory, is drawing the attention of eastern and northern people to the territory, and will in time be very effective, as has been proven in California and other localities. The New Mexico exhibit at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition proved of great interest and awakened eastern people to the fact that the territory is in line with any of the states.

"The prospects seem bright for the opening of an extensive region in the northern part of the territory, in Taos, San Juan, Rio Arriba and Colfax counties, by the building of railroads. This will be of advantage in putting that rich section on a commercial footing with the surrounding country, as well as furnishing an outlet for the crops, and greatly aiding in the development of mineral deposits, now practically inaccessible."

## SOME STORIES WISE AND SOME OTHERWISE

No Towels for Congress.  
A distressing situation confronts the members of the next congress. The last congress absent-mindedly cut out the appropriation providing for clean towels at the capitol, a quite sizable item, since thousands are used each week. This will be glad news for "Society Jerry" Simpson, down in New Mexico. In the days of his fame he once bitterly arraigned congress for its effete extravagance in this matter of the washing of towels. He declared with all the courage of his convictions that since he found one towel a week ample for his own private needs, he could not sanction an expenditure that would allow each member four to six a day. As congress will not meet for some months, and as work will meantime be going on in the committee rooms at the capitol, a shocking dilemma is faced. We must have clean hands in the government service.—Springfield Republican.

Astonished the Table.  
Col. Dick Plunkett, the brawny western plainsman and ex-United States marshal, now living in this city, is called upon at every assemblage for a toast, rosette or program, in which he wittily abounds. At the Hotel Bresler recently, in response to repeated calls, Col. Dick rose and lifting his glass said:  
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—New York World.

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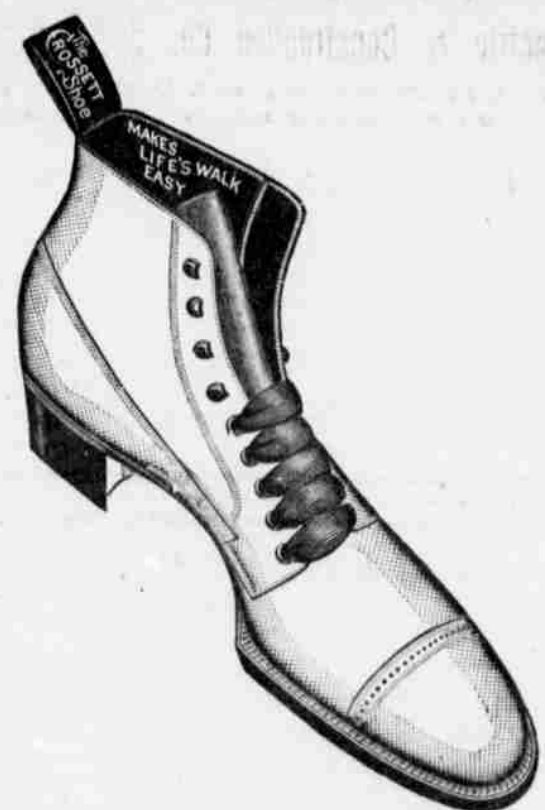
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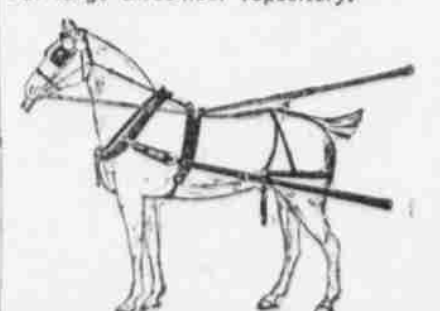
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